

Township appeals decision

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BELLEVILLE— Van Buren Township has asked the Wayne County Circuit Court to reverse a Nov. 1 decision by the State Boundary Commission annexing portions of township territory into the city of Belleville. A show cause hearing is set for Friday.

The November **(annexation)** gave the city sections of Belleville High School and gave the school district vocational building grounds which formerly lay in the township.

The township board voted to challenge the annexation after a Southfield builder filed a petition with the boundary commission in December asking that an additional 42 acres of township land be annexed to Belleville. The original annexation put the 42 acres contiguous to the city.

The petition to annex the school property was submitted by the Van Buren School District in an effort to correct jurisdictional problems. The township-city boundary formerly ran down the middle of the high school and vocational building grounds.

Irving Seligman, president of Dearborn Builders of Southfield, filed the second annexation petition Dec. 6, apparently in an attempt to obtain favorable zoning from the city for a proposed multiple housing development, according to Supervisor G.E. Gollwitzer.

Gollwitzer called both petitions attempts to circumvent township planning, adding that "nobody has ever admitted there was any connection between the two."

Circuit Judge Neal Fitzgerald has granted a temporary delay in enforcement of the boundary commission order until the hearing Friday. The ruling also temporarily blocks the second petition.

The boundary commission turned down an earlier request by the township for a rehearing on the first annexation, saying that state statutes do not provide for rehearings on boundary commission decisions.

If the court rules in favor of the township, annexation of the additional 42 acres would be halted, since the land would no longer border the city.

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Notices to owners will start going out in about two weeks, GM said, and the shields will be installed free of charge.

Plans for the recall were announced a few hours after the Center for Auto Safety, which is funded by Consumers Union, said it had reports of 15 crashes, with nine injuries, due to steering problems on 1971 and 1972 GM cars.

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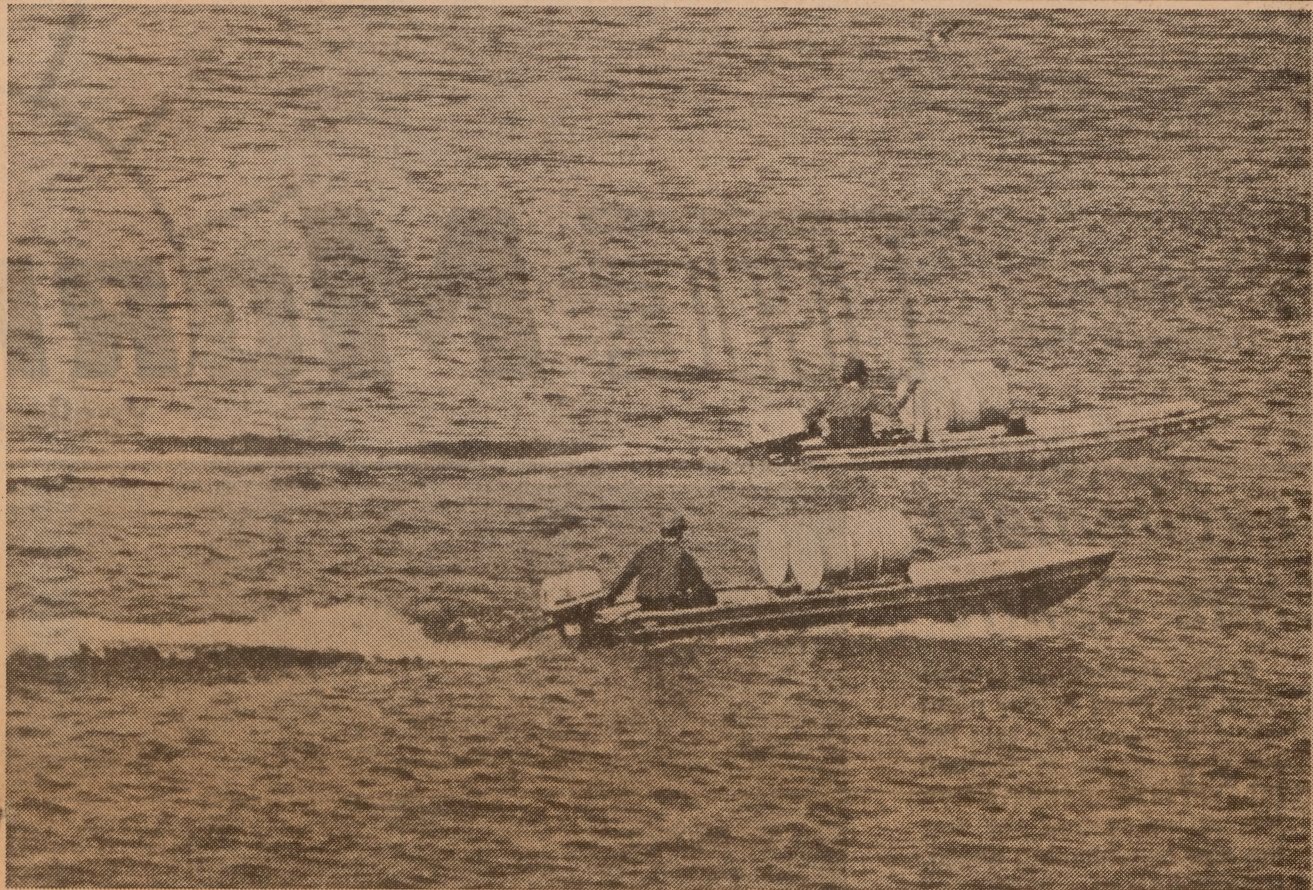
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Department of Natural Resources officials deposit fish poison in Belleville Lake.

(Fish kill) clean up needs more volunteers

OCT. 6 1973

BELLEVILLE—Volunteers helping to clean up the dead fish in Belleville Lake this weekend will be treated to free coffee, donuts and sandwiches, according to John Barber, one of the organizers of the volunteers group.

Belleville High School students doing their part to pick up dead fish from the lake bottom Monday will be treated to an excused day off from classes, school officials say.

Two phone lines have been installed in the Belleville office of the Secretary of State, 574 W. Columbia, to handle calls from persons wanting to assist the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in the lake cleaning project.

John Barber, one of the organizers of the volunteer group, said, "We'll have lots of food and hot drinks that have been provided by Kelsey-Hayes and other

local businesses. We could still use more donations of sandwich materials, but what we really need now are more volunteers."

Fish-killing chemicals were applied to the lake Friday by the DNR. According to Barber, many dead and dying fish had already begun to appear floating on the water and lying on the exposed lake bed a few hours after the chemical was applied.

Barber said Boy Scout troops have notified him that they will join the cleanup project over the next two days.

Once the fish are collected, the drained lake will be refilled by the DNR and restocked with game fish.

Barber said anyone wishing to participate in the cleanup can call him at 697-4237 or 697-4360 today and Sunday for more information.

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October 6, 1973

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Excitement hits Saline

Pretty Janet Boyd (right) burst into tears Friday night when the announcer told the overflow crowd of football fans at the Saline-Milan football game that she was the new homecoming queen. Blonde-haired, blue-eyed Janet was crowned by last year's queen Marti Smiley and sent into the spotlight to receive her audience's applause. And applaud, they did. In fact the 2,000 spectators, crammed into the 1,000 seat capacity stadium in Saline, roared their approval of the students' choice of Janet for queen. Janet, a senior, competed against Cindy Waterbury, another senior; Amy Smith, junior; Vickie Looker, sophomore and Shannon Leidheiser, freshman. Other homecoming festivities included crowning "Mr. Pretty Legs" and choosing the most creative homecoming float. The theme was "The Good Old Days" and will be carried out



Van Buren will join integration decision appeal

By GREG ERICKSON
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE — The Van Buren School District, recently included in U.S. District Court Judge Stephen Roth's Detroit desegregation plan, will enter the appeal filed by other tri-county districts included in the cross-district busing order. The Van Buren Board of Education Monday approved a

contribution of approximately \$4,000 to legal counsel representing the districts in their U.S. Supreme Court fight against the order.

Roth's original order excluded Van Buren and 40 other districts in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties. However, the U.S. Court of Appeals recently ruled that all districts in the three counties must be included in the plan to desegregate Detroit-area schools.

Since Van Buren administrators once believed their district would not be involved in the cross-district busing plan, they did not join the legal fight against the busing order.

Now, because of the Court of Appeals ruling, the district has employed the same legal firm which represents other districts included in the order.

Board President Robert Archer

said the legal firm will repay to the districts any portion of the total assessment which exceeds the actual cost of the appeal.

Archer said lawyers representing the other districts are familiar with the case and, because it represents a large number of districts, the cost to each district is relatively low.

Archer said Van Buren could not

employ counsel on its own at lower cost.

The board also discussed means of making up the 12 school days lost due to the strike by district teachers. Three plans were submitted to the board. All three would require shortening holiday vacations and adding several days to the end of the school year.

Board member James L. Sayre said he was against adding days to the end of the second semester. "Many of our students have jobs. They left them to go back to school this fall and then the shutdown occurred. They lost 12 days of work there. Now we may add more days to the end of school so they won't be able to go back to work as soon."

Sayre continued, "I think we should all suffer a bit and make up the time by shortening the vacations."

Board member Doris Roe said, "We also have to be sure that whatever plan we decide upon doesn't conflict with the contracts of other workers in the district. The custodians and the secretaries make long-range plans for their vacation time as well as the students and teachers."

Representatives of the Van Buren Education Association are

Scoreboard

Van Buren Board of Education meeting, Oct. 8, 1973. With one member absent, the board:

Received a report on the student census made on the fourth Friday of September.

Received a report regarding student participation in the Plymouth School District nurses' aide and dental assistant courses.

Received a progress report on the building of a house by students in the building trades program.

Discussed involvement of the Van Buren district in the U.S. Supreme Court appeal of the Detroit desegregation order.

Denied a request by the Belleville Assembly of God Church for use of school facilities on Sundays and weekday evenings while a new church is being built.

Discussed means of making up 12 school days lost due to the teacher strike.

currently sampling teacher opinions of the plans for making up the lost days. Archer said the board and teachers will negotiate a plan which is satisfactory to both parties.

Local Jews and Arabs outraged by conflict

By MARY PERPICH
and CAROLEE STARK
Of The Press Staff

Although their opinions vary about why the current Arab-Israeli clash occurred, local Jews and Arabs all agree that they are outraged by the situation.

"It's very heartbreaking," Isador Margolis, owner of Margolis Nursery, 9600 Cherry Hill Rd., said in a telephone interview Tuesday morning. "People are getting killed for nothing."

Margolis, who traveled to Israel just after the infamous Six Day War, said he found people from both lands living peacefully together and the only trouble between them came "from outside agitators."

"The big nations can't leave them alone," he said. Although he declined to mention which nations were causing the trouble, Margolis said "their intervention causes these people to fight each other over nothing."

He explained that while he and his wife were visiting Israel just a month after the last war, they found Arabs and Jews living peacefully together wherever they went.

"Arabs were welcome everywhere," he said. "There were no restrictions."

"They were even welcome in the most Jewish hospitals," his wife added saying that she visited one of Israel's hospitals and found Arabs "in every other bed. And they were treated well, too," she said.

"The big nations sell munitions to Israel and then tell the Arabs that they must fight them—that's how it starts," Margolis said. "They don't want any trouble."

William Best, owner of the Ypsilanti Iron and Metal Co., 102 Parsons St., doesn't agree.

"The Arabs don't want the Jews in Israel," he said. "They say that the

Israeli Phantom Jets bombed Damascus today for the first time in the fourth Arab-Israeli war as fierce ground battles raged along the Suez Canal and on the Golan Heights. See page 3.

"There are only two million Jews and eight million Arabs," he said. "We're outnumbered."

"The big nations like the United States and Russia are going to have to exert their influence in the fighting to stop it," he continued.

"They won't, though," he said. "The Americans want the Arab oil and so do the Russians. Even the important Arabs won't help their own people because they don't want to let go of any of their oil money," he continued.

"It's Kissinger I feel sorry for in this mess," he said. "He is torn between the two nations—he owes allegiance to America but feels his German Jewish background strongly."

"But Congress won't let America get into any more wars—the people will go up in arms," he added.

Max Pear, owner of Pear's Clothing, 100 W. Michigan Ave., said that he

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Belleville Lake fish dead, clean-up goes on

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BELLEVILLE—The chemicals have done their job and fish, big and small, are dying and floating to the surface of Belleville Lake.

Earlier this week, Michigan Department of Natural Resources personnel, who are conducting the lake cleaning project, blamed the relatively small number of fish killed on the cool weather. DNR officials said the fish poison works best in warmer water.

On Monday, however, the DNR reported that even the largest fish, which had previously escaped the chemical, were dead.

The pick-up of the fish continues today. The DNR

estimated Monday afternoon that about 160,000 pounds of fish had been taken from the lake. It has been estimated that bet-

ween three and six times that many pounds of fish were in the lake before the pick-up began.

Lending the DNR workers a hand Monday were approximately 400 students from Belleville High School. On Tuesday, prison trustees joined the DNR workers.

Ron Spitler, DNR fisheries biologist said Monday that fish being taken from the lake are no longer edible.

The chemical used to kill the fish, noted the DNR, is not harmful to humans. However, said Spitler, the fish have been dead too long now to be safely eaten.

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representatives at the United Nations that the Israeli air force had bombed Cairo. Israel had denied the claims.

The officials in New York said 16 Israeli planes were shot down in the Cairo raids and four pilots

The officials are cautious in their Soviet role for two reasons: they don't record with a firm assessment that proved wrong, and they don't want to match with Moscow.

So far, the officials acknowledge a relatively one-sided situation. The So

Inkster plane

INKSTER, Mich. (AP) — Eight persons aboard a twin-engine plane died Tuesday evening when the craft crashed, near houses in a densely residential area.

The airplane skidded 100 feet down a street and slammed into a house. There were no reports of anyone on the ground.

The plane was attempting to land at Metropolitan Airfield in bad weather.

The Beechcraft 1900 Federal Aviation said was believed



Belleville troubles may continue

OCT 12 1973

By GREG ERICKSON
Of The Press Staff

BELLEVILLE — The Belleville Road causeway over Belleville Lake, opened to south-bound traffic only, by the Wayne County Road Commission Wednesday, may be fully open by the beginning of next week.

However, State Rep. Gary Owen, (D-22), says he believes the road may be closed many times in the future unless the road commission takes steps to rebuild the causeway.

The road was closed during early days of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources draining of the lake. As the water level was lowered by the DNR in preparation for their fish kill and restocking project, the causeway shoulders began to crumble and slip into the lake.

Road commission officials studied the situation and determined water pressure on the steep slopes of the causeway had helped to hold the road together over the years.

The lake level was raised temporarily while DNR officials considered dropping the project.

Road commission engineers finally decided the road would probably not be further damaged by another lowering of the water, although the

DNR was instructed not to take the water down as far as was originally planned.

The water was lowered and the fish-killing chemicals were added a week ago. As soon as the fish were dead, the water was raised once again to about five feet from its maximum level.

Since then, with the water pressure restored, there has been no visible damage to the road.

According to Owen, the commission should not count on the water to hold the road up much longer.

"If they're not going to take any precautions against this type of thing happening again, they'll be making a terrible mistake," he said.

"The problem with the road is that the base is silt. When the road was constructed many years ago, there were less stringent regulations on road construction."

Because of the material used in building the road, said Owen, "the shoulders have been declining gradually for years."

M. J. Zolick, road commission assistant managing director, explained the commission's view of the problem.

"To do what the representative is suggesting would mean a total reworking of the road. That is a fairly expensive and involved construction job.

"To accomplish this," said Zolick, "means planning, taking bids for the construction and other preliminary projects. We simply don't have the funds to do this now. The rebuilding of Belleville Road is not a top priority project at this time."

Owen, who has been critical of the DNR's handling of the lake draining and cleaning project, also criticized the road commission for failing to carefully study the possible effects the plan would have on the road.

Zolick said, "The past experience of the DNR was that they hadn't had this kind of problem before. I guess both the DNR and the road commission learned something this time."

He continued, "We had no reason to believe that this would happen. With the level of the lake back up again, we don't believe that the road will suffer any further damage. We're going to leave the road open to one-lane traffic except for trucks, for the weekend and keep a watch on it. If no problems occur, we will open the road next week and make the repairs that need to be made."

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"When the press is free and every man able to read, all is safe."—Thomas Jefferson

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Readers' viewpoints

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with new specialty shops and more stabilized businesses — not restaurants, dirty movies, or adult book stores.

I would remind those individuals who are opposing this new plan of

Indo-China becomes secondary

Eight weeks ago American bombers dropped their last strings of bombs around Phnom Penh amidst gloomy forecasts about the results. President Nixon declared the bombing halt imposed by act of Congress "undermines the prospect of world peace by raising doubts in the minds of both friends and adversaries concerning the resolve and capacity of the U.S. to stand by international agreements. . ."

Obviously, eight weeks is not enough time to permit any final appraisal of the results of ending the bombing. There may be a revival of hostile military pressure on the Lon Nol forces inside Phnom Penh at any moment. The rainy season is still impeding military operations. But. . .

Since the bombing ended the

By
Joseph
Harsch

Christian Science Monitor
Correspondent



Penh arrived and recaptured all the lost ground. Kompong Cham is in government hands today.

At the time the bombing stopped Phnom Penh was a besieged city. Today the siege line is broken and farther away. Supplies come through regularly by river and sporadically by land over Route 4 from Siem Reap. The city is

be doing as well by their wits as they had done by American bombs.

In Vietnam there continue to be frequent fights over particular strong points, bad junctions and possibly valuable villages. Yet there has been no major change in the situation there. The government of President Thieu in Saigon seems to be more firmly in control of the bulk of the population of South Vietnam than ever. Enemy forces are in firm control of the mountain spine of the peninsula and could perhaps launch an offensive in the dry season ahead. But there is no evidence that they are preparing a major assault. American intelligence sources think they are more interested in consolidating present holdings than in reaching for more.

The news spotlight in world affairs has shifted away from

The immediate center of concern is now the Middle East and the new round of fighting between Israelis and Arabs. This issue could threaten detente between Moscow and Washington, but President Nixon has exchanged messages with Leonid Brezhnev in his effort to defuse the crisis.

Before the fighting began, the Israelis and Soviets had been in contact with each other along the sidelines. It had seemed that diplomatic relations between them might be resumed. If they were the subject of exit visas for Jews would naturally become a matter for direct negotiation between Israel and the Soviet Union. That would let the United States out from in between. It would ease the way for the continuation of President Nixon's detente with the Soviets.

All in all the situation in Indo-

Belleville cleanup a success

Oct 29th, 1978
By GREGORY BOYDA

A joint effort by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Belleville Chamber of Commerce, and residents of Van Buren Township has revived the near-dead Belleville Lake Project and turned it into a community success.

The "Belleville Lake, Fish Eradication Project," as it is known to the DNR, was initiated to rid the lake of what John Barber, president of the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, calls "trash fish" or carp and suckers.

"These fish feed off the bottom of the lake and constantly have the water in turmoil," said Barber. "This has been a concern of both fishers and swimmers for a long time."

In the original plan, the lake was to be lowered to the "old river bed" allowing most of the fish to escape down-river and leave only 10 percent to be killed by the chemical treatment.

The lake lowering was begun with the cooperation of dam owners up-river. These included: Ford Dam, Geddes Pond, and Kent Lake. Each of these were to hold back a designated amount of water while Belleville Dam remained open allowing the lake to continue flowing down-river, and with it most of the fish.

This course was taken to minimize clearing the lake of the dead fish, and to keep the cost of the chemical

(rotenone) treatment down.

The lake lowering had to be halted because, as Barber explained, "The lake-emptying released pressure on the land which supported the two bridges leading into the downtown district of Belleville. This caused the road shoulder to drop, and the bridges had to be closed and the lowering interrupted."

This time, it looked as though the project would be dropped. The first estimate of the cost of the chemical treatment at dry-bed level was \$5,000. Since the lake could not be drained to that level, the additional rotenone required would boost the cost to \$30,000.

The community, however, felt that the project should not be scrapped.
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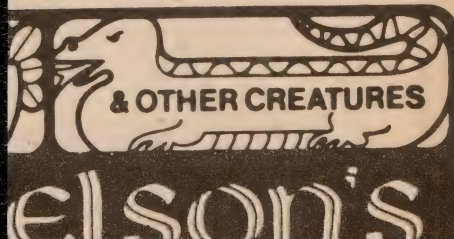
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Barber, whose contention has been that "anything that affects the community, affects the business," took up the problem. A meeting for all interested citizens was held, a phone campaign begun and hand bills went

into circulation.

The DNR simultaneously gave the "go-ahead" to the project. "I am not saying that it was because of our responsiveness—they might have gone ahead anyway," commented Barber.

The chemical was applied to the water and six days after treatment, 1,212,000 pounds of fish had been removed from the lake. This included "412,000 pounds that were killed by an accidental overflow from Ford Lake which underwent treatment last May," added Barber.

The cleanup operation was conducted all week by DNR people who received help Monday from 400 high school volunteers and some prison trustees. Lake property owners also pitched in.

"One woman was spearing some floating fish and throwing them up onto the shore when I walked over and asked if that kind of thing bothered her (the blood and smell)," related Barber. "She said that it did at first, 'but now I just close my eyes.'"

Restocking finally began Saturday, Oct. 13, with blue gills. Also slated to be stocked are 100,000 rainbow trout, and 100,000 largemouth bass along with northern pike, walleye and channel catfish.

During the week many local residents and businesses donated their time, food and money. Some larger

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Gary D. Hawks, vice president for University
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donations came from Kelsey-Hayes in the form of 10,000 cups of coffee, 10,000 hot chocolates, 40 cases of pop, 12,038 donuts, and General Motors chipped in 300 sandwiches.

"I strongly support Medicare coverage for individuals more than 60 days or who have hospital expenses over

"Congress has now passed an income guarantee program for the aged and disabled, which says that no aged person in the United States is to live on less than \$140 per month," according to Cohen.

"This is a time for senior citizens to express their views, not only on how it will affect them, but also on the younger people who will be in charge of the future," he concluded.

Belleville turns down Van Buren sewer plan

BELLEVILLE — The Belleville City Council Monday night turned down the latest sewer interceptor plan submitted by Van Buren Township and also rejected a Michigan Bell Telephone Co. proposal to route a 3-foot diameter cable conduit down South Street.

City Mayor Royce Smith and city engineers were to meet with Bell and Van Buren officials today to discuss alternate routes for the two projects.

If the alternate sewer plan city engineers have suggested is followed by Van Buren, city officials say they would be willing to contribute funds to the project. The sewer, if located in the right area, say city officials, would benefit both Belleville and Van Buren.

Van Buren's original plan

to run a 30-inch interceptor sewer line through Belleville to the southwest corner of the township has been blocked for many months by the city because the township engineer's design located a stretch of the proposed lines under South Street.

City engineers sent Van Buren back to the drawing board with an alternate plan two months ago. Under that plan, the sewer would not run under South Street for any long distance, but would merely cross Sumpter Road (South Street in the township) south of the railroad tracks.

The township engineers studied those plans and came up with a plan that was slightly different from the city's suggested route.

Under the latest township proposal, the sewer would cross Sumpter Road and the railroad tracks diagonally at their intersection.

Raymond Gehl, city engineer, said the newest Van Buren plan, while not endangering South Street, is still unacceptable to the city because of possible Wayne County Road Commission (WCRC) construction at Sumpter Road and the tracks.

Gehl said it is possible the WCRC will some day lower Sumpter Road to allow traffic to go under the busy railroad tracks. This, he said, would mean that Van Buren's sewer line would have to be relocated at that time. Gehl suggested city and township engineers

meet to develop a plan which would permit permanent location of the sewer.

Gehl noted that Belleville plans sewer construction in the same area. In a letter to the council, Gehl said, "We recommend that an alternate sewer location, one in which the city is willing to participate financially, be investigated." Today's meeting was called to investigate such a plan.

Belleville Mayor Royce Smith told The Press today, "I don't think Van Buren knew that we are planning sewers in the same place. There are three customers south of the tracks we are going to provide sewers for. We have already assessed them for the work."

Smith continued, "I wouldn't vote city money to help Van Buren with their line if it's going to have to be relocated later." He stated he would approve of joint funding for the line if Van Buren routed it according to the city's latest plan.

He added that the line, once installed, would benefit the city by providing sewer service for the three assessed property owners near the tracks. Smith said, "If Van Buren will just put the line in south of the tracks a bit so they won't have to relocate it, I'd be ready to give them some money to do it."

Said Van Buren Supervisor G. Elton Gollwitzer, "We're not asking the city for any money, but we have designed the route all along to benefit both the city and the township. We are willing to go back and alter the plans again to make them acceptable to Belleville."

In the past, Smith has criticized Van Buren officials for attempting to locate the sewer along South Street. He had similar criticism for Michigan Bell representatives Monday night who submitted a plan calling for a large telephone conduit to be run down the street.

City officials say they are opposed to construction under South Street due to traffic and the street's composition. The road is made of silt, they say, which would shift and weaken the entire road if more underground construction were permitted.

In addition, it is estimated that 14,000 automobiles use the road daily. City officials are willing to approve construction which would necessitate the rerouting of thousands of cars.

Smith told the Bell representatives, who presented a plan to run conduit down South Street from Columbia to the railroad tracks, "I thought we made it clear we didn't want anything in South Street at all."

Bell spokesman Russ Wagener told the council, "We're building a new office on South Street and we'll have to get to it somehow."

Smith replied, "I think you'd better investigate another route for the conduit. Only over my dead body is anything else going

Scoreboard

Belleville City Council meeting of Dec. 3, 1973. With all members present, the council:

Approved appointments of B. Ward Smith, city attorney; Anthony Talaga, building inspector and fire chief; Kenneth Palmer, street superintendent; Richard Price, plumbing and heating inspector; Robert Baker, electrical inspector; James Baumdrager, streets and DPW foreman; Robert Tontalo, recreation supervisor; John Touse, chairman of board of appeals; and Leonard Gasieski, chairman of board of canvassers.

Received recommendations from the city engineers concerning construction of Van Buren sewer interceptor and Michigan Bell conduits.

Approved a Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. application for emergency service and repairs in the city.

Received a report from city urban renewal director on status of project.

Approved a Christmas bonus of \$10 for city employees.

Discussed means of improving cleaning and maintenance of city hall by janitorial service.

Received the police report for November.

Instructed Ellis Amerman to study means of improving heating system in fire hall.

Discussed building of a storage shed at city cemetery.

to be put in that street."

Smith said an alternate route for the conduit, as well as Van Buren's sewer line, would be discussed at today's meeting.

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Harpo Marx at times — the same wide-eyed wonder — and exhibited the body control of Charlie Chaplin. This was particularly evident in "Fisherman's Wharf" where he pantomimed a fisherman who sits first on a cigarette, then on a needle. It was not only funny but physically impressive.

There were a number of other impressive soloists: Ivan Cheremiskin, who was almost balletic in his movements, for instance. And there were other dances that were well-executed. In "On the Yenisey," the men of the company dance an athletic bit with poles that remind one of our Erie Canal bargemen. The women dancers on two occasions practiced a form of short-stepped dancing which, because of long skirts hiding their feet, gave the impression they were gliding around the stage on an invisible moving platform.

One of the least successful of the numbers also involved the women. This was "Modern Dance from Nenez," in which seemed a pallid imitation of a Rockette's routine.

For the most part, though, the performances were exemplary. The costumes were simply gorgeous — and the women the same. Though I wonder where they got 25 blonde-haired girls.

Providing accompaniment was an orchestra made up of six balalaikas (guitar-like instruments) — one looking like a small bass fiddle and carrying out the same function — two accordions, two trumpets, a flute, a trombone and drums. Nikolai Molodykh, the first chair balalaikaist, if that is the correct term, played two simply stunning solos.

All in all, a colorful, enjoyable performance.



TV DRAMA — Barbara Bain, left, and Kay Lenz are a mother and daughter in a wartime mountain resort, where Michael Moriarty is the only available man in "A

Summer Week" at 8 and 24.

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The Office of Minority Affairs at Eastern Michigan University is sponsoring a "Minority Expo" from noon to 7 p.m. Saturday in Warner Gymnasium on the EMU campus.

Purpose of the Expo is to develop a better understanding of minority cultures through their art forms in a "fair-like setting that will be entertaining and educational," spokesmen

say.

Art objects, most of which will be for sale, will consist of black, Indian and Chicano jewelry, sculptures, tapestries and wood carvings.

The displays are from the private collections of individuals and groups, both

Soloists to

Four members of the vocal faculty of the Eastern Michigan University department of music will appear as guest soloists with the University-Civic Symphony Orchestra Thursday at 8 p.m. in Pease Auditorium on the EMU campus.

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Paving, communication issues in Belleville

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BELLEVILLE — Belleville's strained relationship with Van Buren Township and the city's road paving program were issues in the November city council election and major news stories for Belleville throughout 1973.

A record number of residents registered to vote in the election. Two challengers, Robert D. Tontalo and Howard R. Stinehour, won seats on the council. Two incumbent councilmen, Ellis Amerman and Kenneth Palmer won re-election and Royce Smith was successful in his bid for a fifth term as mayor.

The challengers said the major issue in the election was better communication with Van Buren.

The incumbents ran on a platform of their past accomplishments, including the road paving program which is now nearly complete.

The \$1.5 million road paving program required special assessments to property owners and the sale of general obligation bonds. City voters approved the project in a special election held last March. Plans called for the paving of Edgemont, Wexford and Biggs from Huron River Drive to Potter, Potter from Huron River Drive to Edgemont and Harley from Biggs to Edgemont.

The program has relieved much of the mud and chuckhole problem which had angered residents in the past. At present, less than one-sixth of the road paving project remains unfinished. City officials say they were advised to halt the program until after the spring thaw to insure that new pavement would not be damaged by adverse weather conditions.

In the midst of the paving program, Van Buren Township officials began designing a 30-inch sewer interceptor which they hoped to run through Belleville to the southwest corner of the township. Van Buren officials did not consult the city while plans for the sewer were being drawn up.

Belleville authorities heard of Van Buren's plan and, in August, asked for a Wayne County Circuit Court injunction to prohibit construction of the sewer.

In issuing his injunction against the township, Judge James Ryan cited a state law which gives any municipality the right to deny utility construction within their limits.

Belleville engineers and the city council rejected the original design of the sewer because of the route chosen. City engineers said the sewer would have damaged South Street. According to Belleville officials, who have studied the composition of the road, South

Street has a silt base which would collapse if major construction was allowed in the area.

Each time the township returned with a new design for the sewer, the city council rejected it. Only in December did township engineers come to the council with a route which bypassed South Street. It appears to city officials now that only minor changes must be made before the township will be permitted to construct the sewer line.

Smith has said he would vote to contribute city funds to the sewer project, because the sewer would benefit some city residents as well as providing sewer service to residents of the township. No financial agreement has yet been reached with Van Buren.

Another controversy with the township began in 1972 and continues at present.

In 1972, the Van Buren Board of Education requested the State Boundary Commission to annex property surrounding Belleville High School to the city in order to solve governmental problems. The land is currently located within the boundaries of Van Buren Township.

However, the high school itself straddles the city-township border. This situation presents jurisdiction problems to police departments of both communities and confusion over utility charges.

The boundary commission approved the annexation in November, 1972. One month later, Van Buren Township began to protest the commission's decision.

Shortly after the school land decision was made, a Southfield building firm filed a petition with the boundary commission asking that an additional 41 acres of township land adjoining the school land be annexed to the city. The acreage is currently zoned for single family residences. The Southfield firm, according to township officials, would build multiple family residences on the site.

City authorities expressed a desire to have the land become part of Belleville. Van Buren did not want to lose the property.

In 1972, the township won an injunction halting the school annexation, because they had been told the boundary commission would never agree to annex the acreage if the school property was not annexed first. If the school land had been annexed, the land owned by the Southfield firm would have had a common boundary with the city.

A boundary commission hearing on the subject was held in October, 1973. At the hearing, Belleville and Van Buren authorities debated the need for the annexations. Smith said the city could provide better

service to the land. He added that the additional property would increase the city's tax base.

No decision was made about the second annexation during the meeting. Whether Belleville will be given the land will ultimately be decided in court when the injunction against the school annexation is lifted.

There was one indication during 1973 that the two communities can work toward common goals, however.

Smith, Van Buren officials and residents of the two communities were commended by the state Department of Natural Resources in a December ceremony for their contribution to the Belleville Lake reclamation project.

The lake, which will be given to the township soon by the Detroit Edison Co., was partially drained, cleaned of tons of junk fish and restocked with game fish by the DNR, working with many volunteers from the Belleville area.

The project was nearly abandoned in September when the Belleville Road causeway over the lake was damaged during the lake draining procedure. The draining was halted while the Wayne County Road Commission surveyed the damage. Belleville police closed Belleville and Denton Roads near the lake to all traffic during the engineering study.

While the DNR and the road commission studied what to do about the lake project, the Belleville roads remained closed, disrupting traffic flow for more than two weeks.

A meeting was held in the Belleville High School auditorium later in September to determine public interest in the problem-ridden lake project. Residents of the city and surrounding areas packed the auditorium and shouted their approval of a revamped DNR plan to save the reclamation program.

The new plan meant that all of the fish killed by chemicals would remain in the lake. Originally, most of the fish would have survived and been able to swim out of the lake and gradually into Lake Erie.

With tons of dead fish remaining in the lake, the DNR officials said they would need volunteer help to finish the project.

Students from Belleville High School and residents of the city and the township joined together to pick up the tons of dead fish prior to restocking. As a result of this community effort, DNR authorities said the lake will provide the Belleville area with some of the best fishing to be found in the state.

WCC enrollment grew in 1973

By JAN MOORS
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Enrollment and programs expanded at Washtenaw Community College in 1973—a year when stormy labor negotiations posed a threat to the opening of the fall term.

Total enrollment reached 4,418 in September, a 4.8 percent increase, or 201 students more than fall, 1972.

The general studies curriculum was chosen by 45.7 percent of the students, while 54.3 percent enrolled in occupational studies.

The past year began with the community college's counseling services was surrounded in controversy after announcements that the inability to read and do basic mathematics was a problem for many WCC students.

A survey published by the student newspaper, "The Voice," added to the controversy by indicating that 27 percent of the students found their counselors "poor" or "no help at all."

Officials said the school had a "good counseling staff, but it needed good leadership."

In late January, Larry Hackney was selected as new counseling director. He proposed the development of placement tests within individual courses to help teachers determine the basic skill levels of students.

An innovative counseling program for

rejecting a pact agreed upon by union negotiators.

The see-saw negotiations with both collective bargaining groups occupied hundreds of hours through the summer and led some administrations to fear a faculty strike might delay the beginning of classes.

A two-year pact with the middle-management union was settled without serious breakdowns.

Following Creal's resignation, former vice chairman A.J. Procassini was elected board chairman and William Broucek of Manchester was elected to fill the board vacancy.

Broucek will be among the first-out-county residents represented on the board, officials say.

Earlier in the year the WCC board elected Robert C. Rossler to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of William J. Bott.

One of the most important events of the year, according to WCC President David Ponitz, was the announcement of a \$750,000 state grant to support construction of a \$9 million learning resources center.

The proposed three-story building is to include a library-media center, counseling offices, classrooms, administrative offices, a cafeteria, students commons, bookstore and facilities for a chef's training program.

The college is awaiting required ap-

